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1923/24

Annual Report
OF THE
Town of Strafford
New Hampshire



For the Year Ending
January 31, 1924

Annual Reports of the
Town Officers

OF THE

Town of Strafford

For the Year Ending January 31, 1924



Town Officers

Selectmen

William E. Foss

George L. Foss

Earle R. Tufts

Treasurer

Chester R. Brown

Town Clerk

Frank W. Hilton

Auditors

Roscoe E. Foss

George P. Foss

Tax Collector

Arthur R. Caverly

Moderator

Albert H. Brown

Supervisors

Ellsworth H. Berry

Arthur R. Caverly

Elmer A. Scribner

School Board

Albert E. Foss

M. Corinne Tufts

Victor L. Caverly

School Treasurer

Emma L. P. Foss

Trustees of Trust Funds

Albert E. Foss

Fred A. Scruton

Chas. F. Hill

Health Officer

Walter H. Babb

Selectmen's Report

Valuation of Town of Strafford, April 1, 1923

Land and buildings,		\$547,655 00
Horses,	202	26,150 00
Oxen,	8	700 00
Cows,	339	15,465 00
Neat stock,	89	3,450 00
Sheep,	135	770 00
Hogs,	5	100 00
Fowls,		2,700 00
Portable mills,	5	5,000 00
Wood and lumber,		50,925 00
Stock in trade,		5,125 00
Aqueducts,		850 00
Mills and machinery,		2,350 00
Total valuation,		\$661,240 00

Appropriations for the Year, 1923

State tax,	\$1,414 50
County tax,	1,216 82
\$2.00 per \$5.00 poll to state,	742 00
Town expenses,	1,250 00
Highways and bridges,	6,000 00
Trunk line construction,	976 50
State aid maintenance,	300 00
Trunk line maintenance,	700 00
Trunk line unimproved,	400 00
Town debt,	1,500 00
Memorial Day,	75 00
Construction Hanson bridge,	600 00

White pine blister rust,	\$400 00
School district,	7,800 00
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Total appropriations,	\$23,374 82
Amount added,	316 10
Tax rate, \$3.30 per \$100	

Town Officers' Salaries

1923

Mar. 3	Roscoe E. Foss, auditor,	\$3 00
	George P. Foss, auditor,	3 00
	George L. Foss, auditor,	3 00
Apr. 7	E. R. Tufts, balance as select- man, 1922,	27 00
	W. E. Foss, balance as select- man, 1922,	28 50
June 2	George L. Foss, balance as select- man, 1922,	30 00
	E. R. Tufts, services in part for 1923,	40 00
	W. E. Foss, services in part for 1923,	40 00
Aug. 4	E. R. Tufts, services in part,	25 00
	A. R. Caverly, services in part as tax collector,	50 00
Dec. 1	Fred A. Scruton, balance as tax collector, 1922,	45 00

1924

Jan. 31	Chester R. Brown, services as town treasurer,	75 00
	George L. Foss, services in part for 1923,	113 80
	E. R. Tufts, services in part for 1923,	75 00

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W. E. Foss, services in part for 1923,	\$127 00
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	\$707 30

Town Officers' Expenses

1923		
Apr. 7	E. C. Eastman, supplies,	\$5 21
	W. E. Foss, trust fund book,	2 50
May 5	Record Press, printing town re- ports,	116 00
1924		
Jan. 5	C. M. Hill, supplies,	6 76
31	Chester R. Brown, stationery and postage,	2 00
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		\$132 47

Town Hall

1923		
Feb. 3	George P. Foss, wood,	\$10 00
Mar. 3	James Markey, sawing wood,	2 50
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		\$12 50

Bounties

1923		
Oct. 1	Sidney E. Hanson, bounty on hedgehog,	\$ 20
Dec. 1	George L. Foss, bounty on wild- cat,	20 00
	Virgil Scribner, bounty on hedge- hog.	20
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		\$20 40

Fire Department

1923

Sept. 1	George P. Foss,	\$28 50
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Health Department

1923

Feb. 3	Walter H. Babb, fumigating at E. J. Clark's,	\$10 00
	Lightbody Drug Co., supplies,	2 20
Sept. 1	Ainslie's Drug Co., supplies,	1 25
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		\$13 45

Highways and Bridges

1923

Feb. 3	Henry C. Soule,	\$13 25
	James T. Evans,	65 14
	Frank R. Jones,	143 45
	Forrest Harvey,	76 80
	C. H. Lakeman,	13 62
	A. H. Tasker,	117 62
	George P. Foss,	47 75
	John M. Felker,	190 48
	Sidney E. Hanson,	128 44
	Victor L. Caverly,	59 63
	E. K. Clark,	68 63
	A. C. Berry,	50 16
	Arthur J. Brown,	23 80
	Henry Parshley,	10 45
	George L. Foss,	111 63
	Earle R. Tufts,	174 05
	Benjamin Drew,	22 20
	John Parshley,	51 25
	Louis Rewitzer,	65 75

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	Charles H. Pinkham,	\$17 00
	Ralph Gray,	34 07
	A. M. Leighton,	117 28
	Melvin Davis,	12 07
	W. E. Foss,	18 10
	E. B. Allen,	51 28
	A. B. Preston,	98 55
	Fred O. Caswell,	216 50
	Fred O. Caswell,	12 70
	Charles F. Garland,	77 85
Mar. 3	John Parshley,	31 45
	Forest Harvey,	37 85
	John M. Felker,	64 80
	Sidney E. Hanson,	48 65
	Frank R. Jones,	60 75
	Charles H. Pinkham,	29 35
	Benjamin Drew,	4 35
	John W. Parshley,	49 60
	A. B. Preston,	35 75
	E. B. Allen,	31 15
	Ralph Gray,	10 70
	Fred O. Caswell,	77 90
	Victor L. Caverly,	28 11
	George P. Foss,	18 75
	James T. Evans,	43 82
	Arthur Brown,	15 80
	E. R. Tufts,	62 90
	A. E. Foss,	1 00
	George L. Foss,	40 33
	Henry C. Soule,	3 50
	C. F. Garland,	32 43
Apr. 7	Henry C. Soule,	5 75
	C. H. Lakeman,	23 50
	A. H. Tasker,	44 00
	Sarah Otis, winter road,	10 00
	Warren Small, winter road,	10 00

	D. L. Webber,	\$26 00
	James T. Evans,	40 95
	Fred O. Caswell,	53 70
	Sidney E. Hanson,	53 29
	J. M. Felker,	62 90
	J. W. Parshley,	32 10
	F. R. Jones,	53 50
	A. B. Preston,	33 00
	E. K. Clark,	42 00
	George P. Foss,	26 50
	George P. Foss, winter road,	10 00
	C. F. Garland,	9 05
	C. T. Garland, winter road,	5 00
	Victor L. Caverly,	30 44
	Arthur Brown,	34 70
	E. B. Allen,	20 00
	A. M. Leighton,	68 50
	W. E. Foss,	14 75
	E. R. Tufts,	20 50
	George L. Foss,	38 10
	E. R. Smith,	29 95
May 5	Henry C. Soule,	51 15
	Ralph Gray,	4 25
	James T. Evans,	7 50
	A. B. Preston,	5 10
	S. E. Hanson,	95 75
	Louis Rewitzer,	32 11
	A. C. Berry,	18 70
	A. M. Leighton,	12 50
	Charles M. Foss,	16 20
	Charles H. Pinkham,	8 50
	W. H. Cater, winter road,	10 00
	Allen Pinkham, winter road,	10 00
	George P. Foss,	2 55
	Forest Harvey,	13 60
	E. K. Clark,	39 00

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	Dyar Supplies Co.,	\$9 50
	E. R. Tufts,	24 30
	J. W. Parshley,	4 25
	E. J. Clark, winter road,	10 00
June 2	C. S. Hanson, drags,	5 00
	Ralph Gray,	41 85
	Sidney E. Hanson,	130 87
	Henry C. Soule,	9 40
	H. D. Perkins,	22 40
	Charles F. Garland,	77 05
	John M. Felker,	111 49
	E. R. Tufts, express paid,	6 51
	George L. Foss,	9 90
	Forest Harvey,	62 00
	George P. Foss,	28 17
Aug. 4	Goodroad Machine Co.,	64 75
	Ralph Gray,	3 75
	Forest Harvey,	17 00
	Harry E. Thompson,	12 65
	George L. Foss,	25 40
	A. M. Leighton,	21 00
Sept. 1	N. E. Culverts Co.,	119 17
	Roscoe Brock,	1 28
	E. R. Tufts,	63 10
	Ralph Gray,	9 50
	George L. Foss,	34 83
	Victor L. Caverly,	10 12
	George P. Foss,	9 65
	Sidney E. Hanson,	31 67
Oct. 6	Sidney E. Hanson,	7 65
	N. E. Culverts Co.,	40 38
	W. E. Foss,	114 50
	E. R. Tufts,	4 00
	E. C. Foss Co.,	4 17
	Victor L. Caverly,	46 93
	Harry Thompson,	42 35

		A. B. Preston,	\$40 37
		M. W. Brock,	51 55
		A. C. Berry,	18 15
		Henry C. Soule,	6 45
		George L. Foss,	6 57
Nov.	3	A. H. Tasker,	34 99
		A. C. Berry,	11 85
		Ralph Gray,	5 46
		George P. Foss,	61 33
		M. W. Brock,	6 75
		George L. Foss,	13 75
		A. M. Leighton,	22 80
		Fred O. Caswell,	345 55
		Willis Bennett,	5 00
Dec.	1	Forest Harvey,	12 65
		A. B. Preston,	20 40
		A. M. Leighton, gravel bank,	200 00
1924			
Jan.	5	George P. Foss,	5 40
		Sidney E. Hanson,	35 40
		Forest Harvey,	44 80
		George L. Foss,	22 11
		Victor L. Caverly,	15 90
		Harry E. Thompson,	6 40
		Henry C. Soule,	33 07
	31	A. M. Leighton,	44 70
		Henry C. Soule,	4 80
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			\$6,256 27

Bridge Plank and Stringers

1923			
Oct.	6	Harold P. Whitcher,	\$119 60
Dec.	1	F. J. Berry,	19 20

1924

Jan. 31. Harold P. Witcher, \$27 98

 \$6,423 05
State Aid Maintenance

	State	Town	Total
Balance, 1922,	\$455 72	\$455 72	\$911 44
Appropriation, 1923,	300 00	300 00	600 00
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Total fund,	\$755 72	\$755 72	\$1,511 44
Expended 1923,	736 48	475 52	1,212 00
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Balance for 1924,	\$19 24	\$280 20	\$299 44

Trunk Line Maintenance

	State	Town	Total
Balance, 1922,	\$550 54	\$550 54	1,101 08
Appropriation, 1923,	700 00	700 00	1,400 00
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Total fund,	\$1,250 54	\$1,250 54	\$2,501 08
Expended, 1923,	1,249 66	575 88	1,825 54
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Balance for 1924,	\$ 88	674 66	\$675 54

State Aid Construction

	State	Town	Total
Balance, 1922,	\$270 63	\$676 70	\$947 33
Expended, 1923,	270 44	676 23	946 67
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Balance for 1924,	\$ 19	\$ 47	\$ 66

Trunk Line Construction

	State	Town	Total
Balance, 1922,	\$1 03	\$1 04	\$2 07

Appropriation, 1923,	\$1,464 75	\$976 50	\$2,441 25
Total fund,	\$1,465 78	\$977 54	\$2,443 32
Expended, 1923,	1,462 25	974 72	2,436 97
Balance for 1924,	\$3 53	\$2 82	\$6 35

Trunk Line Unimproved

	State	Town	Total
Balance, 1922,	\$146 21	\$146 22	\$292 43
Appropriation, 1923,	400 00	400 00	800 00
Total fund,	\$546 21	\$546 22	\$1,092 43
Expended, 1923,	259 33	259 34	518 67
Balance for 1924,	\$286 88	\$286 88	\$573 76

General Expense Department

1923

Dec. 1	Henry R. Foss, watering tub,	\$3 00
	Frank Whitehouse, watering tub,	3 00
		\$6 00

Town Poor

1923

Apr. 7	Town of Northwood, supplies for J. H. Canney,	\$36 56
	Town of Northwood, burial expense for Mrs. J. H. Canney in part,	30 00
June 2	Town of Northwood, medical services for Mrs. J. H. Canney,	16 00
Aug. 4	Town of Northwood, supplies for J. H. Canney,	19 30

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Jan. 5	Strafford County farm, boarding Mary A. Johnson,	\$15 45
	E. I. Foss, boarding Mary A. Johnson,	4 00
	C. F. Hill, carrying Mary A. Johnson to Farm,	4 00
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		\$125 31

Memorial Day

1923

May 5	E. I. Foss,	\$75 00
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Cemeteries

1923

June 2	A. E. Foss, labor on Wayne lot,	\$3 00
July 2	A. E. Foss, labor on Wayne lot,	3 00
Oct. 6	Fred A. Scruton, labor on Jenness lot,	3 00
	Fred A. Scruton, labor on Welch lot,	4 00
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		\$13 00

Interest

1923

Mar. 3	Rochester Trust Co., interest on 2 notes,	\$162 50
Apr. 7	Rochester Trust Co., interest on 3 notes,	67 50
May 5	Rochester Trust Co., interest on 2 notes,	55 00
June 2	Rochester Trust Co., interest on note,	50 00

Aug. 4	Emma L. P. Foss, interest on Young fund,	\$60 00
Sept. 1	Rochester Trust Co., interest on 2 notes,	162 50
Oct. 6	Rochester Trust Co., interest on 2 notes,	42 50
16	Rochester Trust Co., interest on note,	25 00
Nov. 3	Arthur G. Scruton,	25 00
	John F. Scruton,	25 00
	E. H. Berry,	35 00
	Etta J. Berry,	65 00
	Rochester Trust Co., interest on 2 notes,	55 00
Dec. 1	Rochester Trust Co., interest on note,	50 00
1924		
Jan. 5	Austin-Cate Academy, interest on Austin fund,	160 00
31	Rochester Trust Co., interest on 2 notes,	89 58
		\$1,129 58

Taxes Bought by Town

1923

Apr. 7	F. A. Scruton, taxes bought by town,	\$821 52
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Abatelements Refunded

1923

Aug. 4	F. A. Scruton, 2 per cent discount on taxes paid before July 1, 1922,	\$45 87
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Temporary Loans

1924

Jan. 31	Rochester Trust Co.,	\$4,500 00
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State and County Tax

1923

Apr. 7	George E. Farrand, \$2.00 per \$5.00 poll for 1922,	\$796 00
Dec. 1	Arthur R. Jones, county tax,	1,216 82
1924		
Jan. 31	George E. Farrand, state tax,	1,414 50
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		\$3,427 32

Schools

1923

May 5	Emma L. P. Foss, school treas- urer,	\$500 00
June 2	Emma L. P. Foss, school treas- urer,	1,500 00
Aug. 4	Emma L. P. Foss, school treas- urer, Young fund,	104 51
Oct. 6	Emma L. P. Foss, school treas- urer,	1,500 00
Nov. 3	Emma L. P. Foss, school treas- urer,	800 00
Dec. 1	Emma L. P. Foss, school treas- urer,	2,000 00
1924		
Jan. 4	Emma L. P. Foss, school treas- urer,	1,000 00
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		\$7,404 51

Selectmen's Accounts

Wilbur E. Foss, Services as Selectman

1923

Mar.	14	At office,	\$3 00
	15	At office,	3 00
	17	At office,	3 00
	29	At Dover tax commissions,	4 50
Apr.	2	Taking inventory,	3 00
	3	Taking inventory,	3 00
	4	Taking inventory,	3 00
	5	Taking inventory,	3 00
	6	Taking inventory,	3 00
	7	At office,	3 00
	9	Taking inventory,	3 00
	10	Taking inventory,	3 00
	11	Taking inventory,	3 00
	12	At office,	3 00
	16	At office,	3 00
	17	Looking over lots,	3 00
	18	At office,	3 00
	19	Looking over lots,	3 00
	20	Looking over lots,	3 00
	21	Looking over lots,	3 00
	23	At office,	3 00
	24	At office,	3 00
May	4	At Dover recording tax sales,	3 00
	5	At office,	3 00
	28	Meeting O. M. James (Hanson bridge),	1 50
June	2	At office,	3 00
	8	At office,	3 00
	9	At office,	3 00
	26	Looking after roads,	1 50
July	7	At office,	3 00

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Aug.	4	At office,	\$3 00
	11	Drawing jury,	1 50
	20	Looking after roads,	1 00
Sept.	1	At office,	3 00
	15	Looking after roads,	1 50
Oct.	6	At office,	3 00
	19	Looking after roads,	1 50
Nov.	3	At office,	3 00
Dec.	1	At office,	3 00
	4	At office,	1 50
1924			
Jan.	5	At office,	3 00
	12	Drawing jury,	1 50
	31	At office,	3 00
		Making out taxes,	14 00
		Use of auto and horse,	19 50
		Supplies, telephone and postage,	5 50
		Copying inventory,	10 00
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			\$167 00

George L. Foss, Services as Selectman

1923

Mar.	14	At office,	\$3 00
	15	At office,	3 00
	17	At office,	1 50
Apr.	2	Taking inventory,	3 00
	4	Taking inventory,	3 00
	5	Taking inventory,	3 00
	6	Taking inventory,	3 00
	7	At office,	3 00
	9	Taking inventory,	3 00
	10	Taking inventory,	3 00
	11	Taking inventory,	3 00
	12	At office,	3 00

	16	At office,	\$3 00
	17	Looking over lots,	3 00
	18	Looking over lots,	3 00
	21	Looking over lots,	3 00
	23	At office,	3 00
	24	At office,	3 00
	25	At office,	3 00
May	5	At office,	3 00
June	2	At office,	3 00
	8	At office,	3 00
	9	At office,	3 00
July	7	At office,	3 00
Aug.	4	At office,	3 00
	11	Drawing jury,	1 50
Sept.	1	At office,	3 00
Oct.	6	At office,	3 00
Nov.	3	At office,	3 00
Dec.	1	At office,	3 00
	4	At office,	1 50
	8	Going to County farm,	4 00
1924			
Jan.	5	At office,	3 00
	12	Drawing jury,	1 50
	31	At office,	3 00
		Making out taxes,	12 00
		Telephoning,	30
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			\$112 30

Earle R. Tufts, Services as Selectman

1923

Mar.	14	At office,	\$3 00
	15	At office,	3 00
	17	At office,	1 50
	30	At Dover tax commission,	4 50

Apr.	2	Taking inventory,	\$3 00
	3	Taking inventory,	3 00
	4	Taking inventory,	3 00
	5	Taking inventory,	3 00
	6	Taking inventory,	3 00
	7	At office,	3 00
	9	Taking inventory,	3 00
	10	Taking inventory,	3 00
	11	Taking inventory,	3 00
	12	At office,	3 00
	16	At office,	3 00
	17	Looking over lots,	3 00
	18	At office,	3 00
	19	Looking over lots,	3 00
	20	Looking over lots,	3 00
	21	Looking over lots,	3 00
	23	At office,	3 00
	24	At office,	3 00
May	5	At office,	3 00
June	2	At office,	3 00
	8	At office,	3 00
	9	At office,	3 00
July	7	At office,	3 00
		Making out taxes,	10 50
Aug.	4	At office,	3 00
	11	Drawing jury,	1 50
Sept.	1	At office,	3 00
Oct.	6	At office,	3 00
Nov.	3	At office,	3 00
Dec.	1	At office,	3 00
	4	At office,	1 50
1924			
Jan.	5	At office,	3 00
	12	Drawing jury,	1 50
	31	At office,	3 00

Use of horse and auto,	\$23 00
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	\$140 00

Respectfully submitted,

WILBUR E. FOSS,
GEORGE L. FOSS,
EARLE R. TUFTS,
Selectmen.

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ROSCOE E. FOSS,
LEWIS J. BROWN,
Auditors.

February 12, 1924.

Treasurer's Report

Money Received and Receipted for by Treasurer, 1923

Amount in treasurer's hands Feb, 1, 1923, \$6,361 04

Received from:

F. A. Scruton, 1922 taxes,	624 00
Selectman, 1921 taxes redeemed,	32 85
F. A. Scruton, 1922 taxes,	646 80
F. A. Scruton, 1922 taxes,	1,945 78
F. W. Hilton, 1923 auto permits,	200 00
Selectman, 1921 taxes redeemed,	77 60
Selectman, 1922 taxes redeemed,	10 00
Selectman, 1922 taxes redeemed,	37 40
F. A. Scruton, 1922 taxes,	10 60
Selectman, 1922 taxes redeemed,	12 17
F. A. Scruton, 1922 taxes,	3 30
Selectman, 1922 taxes redeemed,	25 00
F. W. Hilton, 1922 dog licenses,	5 00
F. W. Hilton, 1923 auto permits,	200 00
Selectman, 1922 taxes redeemed,	122 00
F. A. Scruton, 1922 taxes,	46 59
Selectman, 1922 taxes redeemed,	25 00
F. A. Scruton, 1922 taxes,	38 00
A. R. Caverly, 1923 taxes,	950 00
A. R. Caverly, 1923 taxes,	650 00
State treasurer, forestry department,	7 50
F. A. Scruton, 1922 taxes,	17 86
F. W. Hilton, 1923 dog licenses,	147 60
A. R. Caverly, 1923 taxes,	1,300 00
A. R. Caverly, pool table permit,	10 00
F. A. Scruton, 1922 taxes,	5 00
A. R. Caverly, 1923 taxes,	382 00

Selectman, 1913 taxes redeemed,	\$20 19
F. A. Scruton, 1922 taxes,	5 35
A. R. Caverly, 1923 taxes,	1,010 00
Rochester Trust Co., note,	1,000 00
A. R. Caverly, 1923 taxes,	400 00
Etta L. Barker, culvert,	24 70
A. R. Caverly, 1923 taxes,	1,070 00
Selectman, 1921 taxes redeemed,	98 26
A. R. Caverly, 1923 taxes,	220 00
Rochester Trust Co., note,	1,000 00
A. R. Caverly, 1923 taxes,	2,100 00
A. R. Caverly, 1923 taxes,	100 00
F. A. Scruton, 1922 taxes,	13 84
F. W. Hilton, 1923 dog licenses,	31 80
A. R. Caverly, 1923 taxes,	3,300 00
A. R. Caverly, 1923 taxes,	4,200 00
Discount on taxes paid before July 1, 1922,	45 87
State treasurer, bounty on wildcat,	20 00
State treasurer, bounty on 2 hedgehogs,	40
A. R. Caverly, 1923 taxes,	2,300 00
Selectman, 1921-22 taxes redeemed,	83 91
A. R. Caverly, 1923 taxes,	2,150 00
State treasurer, highway department,	1,858 32
F. W. Hilton, 1923 auto permits,	303 69
State treasurer, bank tax,	1,414 50
State treasurer, balance on bank tax,	27 05
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	\$36,690 97
Paid by selectmen's orders,	\$30,075 79
Cash on hand Jan. 31, 1924,	6,615 18
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	\$36,690 97

Respectfully submitted,

CHESTER R. BROWN,

Treasurer.

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ROSCOE E. FOSS,
LEWIS J. BROWN,

Auditors.

February 12, 1924.

Budget

Assets

Cash in hands of treasurer,	\$6,615 18
Accounts Due to Town from State:	
Joint highway accounts, unexpended bal-	
ances in state treasury,	310 72
Forestry department,	14 25
Forestry department, pine blister,	23 81
Other Bills Due Town:	
Taxes bought by town,	718 18
Interest on taxes bought by town,	67 64
Taxes not collected, levy of 1923,	3,558 92
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Total assets,	\$11,308 70
Excess of liabilities over assets, net debt,	9,333 30
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Grand total,	\$20,642 00
Net debt, January 31, 1923,	\$12,174 95
Net debt, January 31, 1924,	9,333 30
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Decrease of debt,	\$2,841 65
State purpose for which debt was created,	
road construction.	

Liabilities

Accounts Owed by Town:	
Due to state, \$2.00 per \$5.00 poll,	\$742 00
Outstanding temporary loans in anticipa-	
tion of taxes,	10,900 00
Long term notes outstanding, road con-	
struction,	3,000 00

Trust funds, amount of principal used by town,	\$6,000 00
Total liabilities,	<u>\$20,642 00</u>

Receipts

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:

Property taxes committed to collector, 1923,	\$21,809 72
Less uncollected, 1923,	3,558 92
Property taxes, current year, actually collected,	\$18,370 80
Poll taxes, current year actually collected, 5 at \$3.00,	15 00
Poll taxes, current year, actually collected, 347, at \$5,	1,735 00
Property and poll taxes, previous years, actually collected,	3,182 51
National bank stock taxes,	11 20

Total of above collections,	<u>\$23,314 51</u>
Tax sales redeemed and interest,	544 38
2 per cent. discount on taxes paid before July 1, 1922,	45 87

From State:

For highways, trunk line unimproved,	259 33
For state aid construction,	238 03
For trunk line construction,	1,360 96
Railroad tax,	35
Savings bank tax,	1,441 20
Fighting forest fires,	7 50
Bounties,	20 40

From Local Sources Except Taxes:

Dog licenses,	184 40
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Business licenses and permits,	\$10 00
Interest received on taxes,	174 61
Permits for the registration of motor vehicles,	703 69
Culvert sold,	24 70
Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:	
Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year,	2,000 00
Total receipts other than current revenue,	<hr/> \$2,000 00
Total receipts from all sources,	<hr/> \$30,329 93
Cash on hand February 1, 1923,	6,361 04
Grand total,	<hr/> \$36,690 97

Payments

CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES

General Government:	
Town officers' salaries,	\$707 30
Town officers' expenses,	132 47
Expenses town hall and other town buildings,	12 50
Protection of Persons and Property:	
Fire department, including forest fires,	28 50
White Pine Blister Rust,	400 00
Bounties,	20 40
Health:	
Health department,	13 45
Highways and Bridges:	
State aid maintenance,	445 52
Trunk line maintenance,	575 88
Town maintenance,	6,423 05

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Trunk line unimproved,	\$518 67
General expenses of highway department, including watering troughs,	6 00
Charities:	
Town poor,	125 31
Patriotic Purposes:	
Memorial Day exercises,	75 00
Public Service Enterprises:	
Cemeteries,	13 00
Unclassified:	
Taxes bought by town,	821 52
2 per cent. discount on taxes paid before July 1, 1922,	45 87
Interest:	
Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes,	\$759 58
Paid on long term notes,	150 00
Paid on principal of trust funds used by town,	220 00
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Total interest payments,	\$1,129 58
Outlay for New Construction and Permanent Improvements:	
Highways and bridges,	\$914 26
Trunk line construction,	2,335 68
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Total outlay payments,	\$3,249 94
Indebtedness:	
Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes,	4,500 00
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Total indebtedness payments,	\$4,500 00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:	
Taxes paid to State and \$2.00 per \$5.00 poll, 1922,	\$2,210 50

Taxes paid to county,	\$1,216 82
Payments to precincts,	7,404 51
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Total payments to other governmental divisions,	\$10,831 83
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Total payments for all purposes,	\$30,075 79
Cash on hand January 31, 1924,	6,615 18
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Grand total,	\$36,690 97

Schedule of Town Property

Town hall, lands and buildings,	\$2,000 00
Furniture and equipment,	100 00
Highway department, equipment,	1,000 00
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Total,	\$3,100 00

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Of the Town of Strafford on Jan. 31, 1923

DATE OF CREATION	TRUST FUNDS—PURPOSE OF CREATION	HOW INVESTED State character and rate of return for each investment. State also if funds were "borrowed or used for city or town purposes," and indicate whether notes have been used as required by Chapter 162, Laws 1915, as amended by Chapter 171, Laws 1917 (See Chap. 129, Secs. 2-3-4, Laws 1917.)	AMOUNT OF PRINCIPAL	Rate of Interest	Bal. of Income on Hand at Beginning of Yr.	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Bal. of Income on Hand at End of Year
1866	Austin Fund given by Austin for Acad-emy incorporated with Austin Cate Academy	Town Note	\$4000	4		\$160	\$160	
1917	Lavina Young Fund	Town Note	1000	6		60	60	
	M. J. Wain Fund	Town Note	400	4	\$57.05	16	6	\$67.05
	Care of cemetery							
June 7, 1919	Given by M. J. Wain	Town Note	200	4	19.00	8	4	23.00
	Betsy Welch Fund							
	Given by Betsy Welch	Town Note	100	4	10.00	4		14.00
July 3, 1920	Nancy Perkins Fund							
	Given by Nancy Perkins	Town Note	100	4	5.33	4		9.33
Oct. 7, 1921	Care of cemetery							
	Given by Betsy Hawkins	Town Note	100	3½	1.35	3.50	3	1.85
Nov. 5, 1921	Samuel Jenness Fund							
	Given by Ida M. Jenness	Town Note	100	3½	.71	3.50		4.12
	Care of cemetery							
Jan. 7, 1922	Abbie Seavey Fund	Town Note	100	3½				
	Given by Abbie Seavey	Town Note						
	Care of cemetery							

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ROSCOE E. FOSS,
LEWIS J. BROWN,
Auditors.

February 12, 1924.

Report of Library Trustees

Money on hand from 1923,	\$13 81
· Due from town,	42 30
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Total for the year,	\$56 11
Paid Out:	
Services of librarian,	\$10 00
Mrs. Cora Clarke to buy for books,	10 00
For books for Bow Lake and Center,	23 30
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Total,	\$43 30

The Library is open every Tuesday from 2 until
4 P. M.

LUCY S. HILL,
Chairman.

Report of Superintendent of Schools

To the School Board and Citizens of Strafford:

The policy of the School Board to make some permanent improvements on the school buildings each year shows good business judgment. Last summer the Whittier and Pinehurst schoolhouses were redecorated, making them lighter and more attractive. The heater jacket used at the Whittier school has been very satisfactory. It makes it possible to have a uniform temperature throughout the entire school room so the pupils in the back of the room are just as warm as the ones near the stove. A new heater jacket has just been installed at the Winkley school.

Last year we were fortunate in having six resident teachers out of the seven employed. This year it seemed best to open the Winkley school so we now have eight teachers, six of whom are resident.

We should encourage our local high school graduates to go to normal school if they are adapted to teaching, and employ them in our local schools when they are qualified. The resident teacher will usually remain for a longer period of service, which is desirable, as a constant changing of teachers does not make for efficiency in school work.

The per cent. of attendance at the schools last year is included here for your study:

Whittier,	96
Roberts	92
Pinehurst	92
Crown Point,	90

Perkins,	90
Center,	88
Bow Lake	83

In the schools having the best attendance the absences were due in the main to sickness. In the two schools having the poorest attendance the most of the absences were due to indifference on the part of parents and guardians. It is to be regretted that some citizens do not appreciate the opportunity afforded their children. Strafford spends over eleven thousand dollars per year in order that every boy and girl in the town may have the privilege of a free education, and yet some people deliberately keep their children out of school when it is unnecessary. It is the desire of school officials that all parents give this matter serious consideration and encourage their children to be present at school every day that school is in session.

Last year the total number of visits made to the Strafford schools by the superintendent was 144 and by citizens of the town 208.

I appreciate very much the cordial spirit of co-operation which exists between the school officers and the superintendent.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE C. SANBORN,

Superintendent of Schools.

Report of School Board

For the Year Ending June 30, 1923

Paid Teachers for the School Year, 1922-1923

Whittier school, Lena V. Leighton, 36 weeks,	\$720 00
Pinehurst school, Alice O. Allen, 36 weeks,	720 00
Bow Lake school, Etta S. Waldron, 36 weeks,	720 00
Crown Point school, Alta Scruton, 36 weeks,	720 00
Roberts school, Mary P. Hall, 36 weeks,	720 00
Perkins school, Alice E. Tasker, 8 weeks, 2 days,	168 00
Perkins school, Marion Foss, 26 weeks, 3 days,	532 00
Perkins school, Agnes C. Bolduc, 12 weeks,	240 00
Center school, Gertrude Tibbetts, 24 weeks,	459 00
Center school, Marjorie Attwell, 2 weeks,	40 00
Center school, Mildred Scribner, 4 days,	16 00
Total,	<hr/> \$5,055 00

Salaries

V. L. Caverly, member school board,	\$50 00
A. E. Foss, member school board,	50 00
M. Corinne Tufts, member school board,	50 00
Emma L. P. Foss, school treasurer,	50 00
Flora Smith, clerk,	3 00
E. B. Allen, truant officer,	15 00
C. W. Doe, auditor,	1 50
Inez V. Stiles, auditor,	1 50

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Superintendent's excess salary,	\$196 00
J. W. Plummer, per capita tax,	296 00

Total,	\$713 00
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School Supplies

Census cards,	\$4 07
American Book Co., text books,	10 97
B. H. Sanborn Co., text books,	13 48
Ginn & Co., text books,	37 43
Scott Foresman Co., text books,	27 30
J. C. Winston Co., text books,	20 72
Laidlaw Bros., text books,	22 01
Current Events, supplies,	7 70
Henry Hansten, writing lessons,	12 43
Macmillan Co., books and postage,	4 63
The Galmer Co., histories,	3 57
J. L. Hammett, supplies,	16 93
Charles E. Merrill Co., text books,	8 30
Russell Sage Foundation, supplies,	8 75
World Book Co., supplies,	3 14
E. E. Babb & Co., supplies,	163 35
C. C. Sanborn, supplies,	19 65
D. C. Heath & Co., text books,	17 54
E. E. Babb & Co., supplies,	13 40
Sundries,	1 79

Total,	\$395 93
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Janitor Service

Mrs. Lindgard, cleaning schoolhouse,	\$3 50
Lura Hanson, cleaning schoolhouse,	3 00
Wallace Rowe, janitor,	13 00
Lena V. Leighton, janitor,	36 00
Alice O. Allen, janitor,	36 00
Etta S. Waldron, janitor,	36 00

Alta Scruton, janitor,	\$36 00
May P. Hall, janitor,	36 00
Gertrude Tibbetts, janitor,	4 00
Marjorie Attwell, janitor,	2 00
Marion Hanson, janitor,	36 00
James Markey, janitor,	17 00
George A. Johnson, cleaning schoolhouse,	3 50
Harold Brown, fitting wood,	1 00
Julius Pray, throwing in wood,	2 00

 Total,

\$265 00

Wood

E. B. Allen, 4 cords wood and kindlings,	\$43 00
S. E. Hanson, 11¼ cords wood and kindlings,	24 00
Henry R. Foss, 3 loads wood,	21 00
A. E. Foss, 1 cord wood and kindlings,	12 50
W. A. Brown, 1 cord wood,	10 00
E. R. Tufts, 1 cord wood,	10 00
A. E. Foss, 2 cords wood and kindlings,	26 50
W. A. Brown, 2 cords wood,	24 00
George P. Foss, 2 cords wood, ½ cord fitted,	26 00
Sidney Hanson, ½ cord wood,	6 00
E. R. Tufts, 1½ cords wood,	18 00
Gertrude Connor, 1 cord wood,	12 00
E. R. Tufts, 1 cord wood,	12 00
James Markey, fitting wood,	5 00
E. R. Tufts, ½ cord wood,	6 00
Will Otis, 2 loads wood,	11 00
G. B. Leighton, 5-8 cord wood,	7 50

 Total,

\$274 50

Repairs on Schoolhouses

V. H. Caverly, shingling and laying floor,	\$10 00
Hugh T. Caverly, shingling and laying floor,	4 50
Fred W. Roberts, shingling and laying floor,	13 50
V. L. Caverly, 43 ft. lumber,	1 45

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E. R. Tufts, lumber and repairing,	\$12 70
Charles Hall, work on schoolhouse,	27 00
Harry Murry, work on schoolhouse,	45 00
Irving Bartlett, work on schoolhouse,	21 00
Henry Parshley, work on schoolhouse,	8 75
E. J. York & Co., lumber,	55 29
V. L. Caverly, work on schoolhouse,	12 65
Charles Hall, work on schoolhouse,	3 00
Hugh T. Caverly, work on schoolhouse,	1 00
Henry R. Foss, 266 ft. lumber,	9 31
E. R. Tufts, shingles and lumber,	69 40
W. A. Small, work on schoolhouse,	17 85
Wallace Rowe, work on schoolhouse,	12 00
L. R. Hernandez, work on schoolhouse,	3 60
Kenney Bros. & Wolkins, blackboards,	51 86
C. E. Cornell & Son, 2 doz. shades,	24 00
L. R. Hernandez, work on schoolhouse,	3 60
J. E. Waldron, nails and supplies,	4 64
Ayers & Jenkins, supplies schoolhouse,	10 26
Eugene C. Foss & Co., hardware,	3 78
Will Caverly, moving desks,	4 00
George A. Johnson, work on desks,	3 00
O. A. Lindburg, work on schoolhouse,	2 25
A. E. Foss, work on schoolhouse,	2 50
George A. Johnson, work on schoolhouse,	2 50
C. M. Hill, glass, putty, nails, etc.,	37 48
J. M. Wilks, stove jacket,	17 07
C. C. Sanborn, janitor supplies,	7 98
E. E. Babb, janitor supplies,	3 00
1 doz. brooms,	8 00
Sundries	4 39

Total, \$526 63

Transportation

Roscoe Brown, \$596 40

C. H. Lakeman,	\$483 00
E. K. Clark,	400 80
Julius Pray,	587 00

Total,	\$2,067 20
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High School Tuition

Austin-Cate Academy,	\$2,065 00
Coe's Academy,	55 00

Total,	\$2,120 00
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Miscellaneous

R. W. Tuttle, medical inspection,	\$50 00
A. E. Foss, work on schoolhouse,	1 40
Wallace Rowe, oiling floor schoolhouse,	1 00
Edith Brewster, historical books,	8 50
R. E. Lane, 60 warrants,	1 11
Kenney Bros. and Wolkins, flags,	9 32
Howard & Brown, printing certificates,	5 44
New equipment,	43 15
Sundries,	7 53

Total,	\$127 45
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Expenditures for Year Ending June 30, 1923

Teachers,	\$5,055 00
Salaries,	221 00
Superintendent's excess salary,	196 00
J. W. Plummer, per capita tax,	296 00
School supplies,	395 93
Janitor service,	265 00
Repairs on schoolhouses,	526 63
Wood,	274 50
Transportation,	2,067 20
High school tuition,	2,120 00
Miscellaneous,	127 45

Total,	\$11,544 71
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Revenue:	
Cash on hand,	\$354 59
Stove,	25 00
Schoolhouse,	10 00
State treasurer,	3,661 04
Town treasurer,	7,500 00
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Total,	\$11,550 63
Balance June 30, 1923,	\$5 92

This certifies that we have examined the accounts of the School District of Strafford for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1923, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

Signed,

CHESTER W. DOE,
INESS V. STILES,

Auditors.

**Estimated Budget for the School Year Beginning July
1, 1924**

Elementary schools,	\$8,405 00
High school tuition,	2,000 00
Salaries of district officers,	215 00
\$2.00 per capita tax,	238 00
Superintendent's salary,	220 00
Expenses of administration,	10 00
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	\$11,088 00

Less estimated revenue:

State aid rebate,	\$3,600 00
Dog tax,	100 00
Young fund,	60 00
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	\$3,760 00
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To be raised by taxation,	\$7,328 00

Report of School Treasurer

For the Year Ending July 1, 1923

Cash on hand July 1, 1922,	\$354 59
Received from state treasurer,	3,661 04
Received from town treasurer,	7,500 00
Received from sale of stove,	25 00
Received from sale of school house in Dist. No. 4,	10 00
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Amount received,	\$11,550 63
Amount paid out,	11,544 71
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Amount in treasury July 1, 1923,	\$5 92
Amount due from the town July 1, 1923:	
Young fund,	\$60 00
Dog tax,	104 51
EMMA L. P. FOSS,	
School Treasurer.	

This certifies that we have examined the accounts of the School District of Strafford for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1923, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

CHESTER W. DOE,
INESS V. STILES,

Auditors.

STRAFFORD SCHOOL STATISTICS, 1922-1923

School	Teacher	Total Registration	Average Attendance	Per Cent. of Attendance
Perkins	Alice E. Tasker	22	13	90
Center	Marion A. Foss			
	Agnes C. Bolduc	29	21	88
	Gertrude L. Tibbetts			
Bow Lake	Etta S. Waldron	16	13	87
Pinehurst	Alice O. Allen	13	10	92
Whittier	Lena V. Leighton	10	9	96
Roberts	Mary P. Hall	14	11	92
Crown Point	Alta B. Scruton	22	18	90
	Totals	126	95	91

HONOR ROLL, PERFECT ATTENDANCE RECORD 1922-1923

Ruth Caverly, Ragnhild T. Lindberg, Robert D. Tuttle.

Vital Statistics

Births Registered in the Town of Strafford, N. H., for the Year Ending January 31, 1924

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of the Child (if any)	Living Children		Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Color Parents	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother	Age of Father	Age of Mother
			Male	Female									
1923													
Feb. 1	Strafford		L		L. Foss	Annie A. Hall	All White	Strafford	Farmer	Strafford	Barrington	40	25
Mar. 3		Martha P. Cor'on	F		Edward R. Corson	Grace M. Randall		Strafford	Farmer	Rochester	Nottingham	35	25
Apr. 29			L		Earl D. Rhodes	Laura A. Ranahan		Strafford	Farmer	Attleboro, Ms.	P. E. Island	26	25
May 4		Viva B. Caverly	F		George W. Caverly	Esther B. Hanson		Strafford	Farmer	Strafford	Strafford	27	29
Aug. 9			S		Puran M. Smith	Alice L. Berry		Strafford	Farmer	Strafford	Rochester	28	28
Dec. 22			L		Julius V. Fray	Edith V. Beer		Strafford	Farmer	Brooklyn, N. Y.	Mt. Pleasant, Io.	40	36

Marriages Registered in the Town of Strafford, N. H., for the Year Ending January 31, 1924

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name and Surnames of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each at Time of Marriage	Age in Years	Color of Each	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of Each	Name of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Occupation	No. Marriage	Name, Residence and Official Station of Person by Whom Married
1923												
Feb. 10	Manchester	Everett Tasker	Strafford	22	W	Mechanic	Strafford	Herbert E. Tasker	Strafford	Farmer	1	Rev. J. W. Rafter Manchester, N. H.
		Mary P. Stone	Barnstead	21	W	Forelady	New York	Mary A. Foss Charles E. Stone	Strafford Barnstead	Farmer	1	
Apr. 21	Barrington	Leslie D. Watthe	Barrington	23	W	Farming	Barrington	Mary J. Ellis Arthur C. Watthe	Barnstead Barrington	Farming	1	Rev. F. O. Tyler Barrington, N. H.
		Irene R. Parsley	Strafford	19	W	Domestic	Strafford	Mattie E. Young Henry G. Parsley	Boston, Mass. Strafford	Farming	1	
July 4	Dover	George P. Stacy	Strafford	43	W	Steam Fitter	Dover	Mable Moore George W. Stacy	Boston, Mass. Ellet, Me.	Steam Fitter	1	Rev. Leslie Holmes Dover, N. H.
		Gertrude S. Cronin	Strafford	43	W	Housekeeper	Braintree Ms.	Hattie A. Winkley Ward Furber	Strafford Nottingham	Car Packer	1	
Oct. 27	Northwood	Sherman Roberts	Strafford	44	W	Shoemaker	Strafford	Melissa Hamblett Freeman Roberts	Hudson Strafford	Blacksmith	1	Joseph H. Tuttle J Northwood, N. H.
		Wyona Buffington	Tilton	23	W	Housekeeper	Bristol	Cara Brown George Brock	Northwood Germany	Farming	2	
Nov. 3	Strafford	Harold F. Irving	Lynn, Mass.	21	W	Wood Turner	Everly, Ms.	Etta Brock Joseph Irving	Dover Yarmouth	Foreman		Rev. Chester W. Doe Ctr. Strafford, N. H.
		Minnie L. Sand	Lynn, Mass.	18	W	Bookkeeper	Lynn, Ms.	Theodico Doane Lars T. Sand	Sweeden Norway	Metal Worker	2	
Dec. 8	Barrington	Arthur B. Kelley	Strafford	30	W	Woodsmen	Candia	Arma G. Jerkness John A. Kelly	Northwood Pittsfield	Shoemaker		Rev. Francis O. Tyler Barrington, N. H.
		Helen K. Saul	Strafford	34	W	Housekeeper	S. Bost'n, Ms.	Lizzie A. Moses Henry Frye	Scotland Scotland	Carpenter		
Dec. 31	Strafford	Russell E. Nelson	Strafford	23	W	Farming	Deerfield	Helen Cameron Albert Nelson	Northwood Deerfield	Shoemaker		Rev. Chester W. Doe Ctr. Strafford, N. H.
		Evelyn Corson	Strafford	20	W	Housework	Rockester	Amy Maud Davis Richard Rollins	Rockester Rockester	Lather		

Deaths Registered in the town of Strafford, N. H., for the Year Ending January 31, 1924

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age		Place of Birth	Sex	Color	Single, Married or Widowed	Occupation	Place of Birth		Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Disease, or Cause of Death	
			Years	Months						Days	Father				Mother
1923	Strafford	John A. Rowe	47	9	27	Lisbon, N. Y.	M	W	S	Farming	Gray, Me.	Ireland	George W. Rowe	Jane Robinson	Chr. Val. Heart
Mar. 31		Julia M. Foss	75	6	4	Newmarket	F	W	M	Housewife	Durham	Durham	Benj. Willey	Mary Davis	Chr. Cal. Bron.
Mar. 25		Marshall B. Foss	76	5	11	Strafford	M	W	M	Farming	Strafford	Pittsfield	Leonard Foss	Mary A. Bunker	Cancer of Liver
May 16		John L. Babb	81	2	20	Strafford	M	W	M	Mason	Strafford	Rochester	Daniel L. Babb	Mehitable Lyford	Cere. Entarleritis
July 7						Strafford	F	W	M		Strafford		Buran M. Smith	Alice L. Berry	Stillborn
Aug. 9		Marg't Strachan	69			Strafford	F	W	M	Housewife	England	Barrington	Fred'k T. Peter'n	Annie A. Hall	Can. of Bladder
Aug. 13		Paul A. Foss		8	13	Strafford	M	W	S		Strafford		Albert L. Foss	Esther Foss	Chol. Infantum
Oct. 19		Marg'et Vandine	74	7	4	Gatest'n, N. B.	F	W	M	Calistown,	Calistown,	Strafford	Joseph Gaunce	Jennie Seward	Chr. Endocarditis
Nov. 6		Chas. S. Hanson	66	25		Strafford	M	W	M	Car'ge Smt'h	Strafford	Strafford	John D. Hanson		Fib. Sar. of Nose
Dec. 24		Martha Caverly	89	3	8	Strafford	F	W	W	Housewife	Barrington	Barrington	Ira Boody		Pneumonia
Dec. 25															
1924															
Jan. 7		Arn'd Lakem'n	7	8	3	Saugus, Ms.	M	W	S	School	Gd. Manan,	Clements Pt	Carl'n Lakeman	Lottie McFadden	Diphtheria

Brought to Strafford for Interment

May 10	Lawrence	Ma'ha C. Griffin	69	3	18	Barrington	F W W Retired	Strafford	Barrington	Cyrus G. Caverly	Sarah A. Twombly	Pyloric Obs.
May 10	Law'ce, M	Albe't A Hans'n	79	6	14	Strafford	M W W Retired	N. H.	N. H.	Paul Hanson	Sarah Langley	Val. Heart Dis.

I hereby certify that the above returns are correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief. FRANK W. HILTON, Town Clerk.

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